



## LEONARD L. YOURIST

July 7, 1946 - June 7, 2017

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 11:30 AM FRIDAY 6/9/2017 at HEBREW MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY.

Age 70, of Southfield, a retired writer for the Detroit News, he also wrote for the Toledo Blade, Channel 4 WDIV, and was a writer, reporter and anchorman for the City of Southfield Cable TV.. He was an accomplished artist. died June 7, 2017.

Devoted son of the late Thelma and the late Morris Yourist.

Loving brother of Kenneth (James Rodgers) Yourist and Marlene (Martin) Adelman.

Dear uncle of Sara (Mitch) Cohen and Jonathan (Katy) Kohlenberg.

Also survived by other family members and friends.

OFFICIATING:

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INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Friday

at the residence of Kenneth Yourist and James Rodgers  
800 Edison  
Detroit, MI 48202

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

LEONARD YOURIST

you may do so by making a contribution to:

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# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery  
33230 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

## Shiva

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ I'm both shocked and saddened to learn that Leonard passed away. My wife Susan & I just had a wonderful dinner with him in April. I've been friends with a Leonard since we were undergrad students at Wayne together in in 60's. I always so enjoyed his quick wit and sense of humor, as well as his intellect and curiosity that made him such a good writer. I just can't believe he's gone. I will miss him dearly.

*Larry Gormezano*

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**Larry Gormezano** - June 21, 2017 at 07:51 PM

GT

“ I stopped by Lenny's condo today to see his garden. Everything is so beautiful and lush. I was supposed to view his garden with him this week but since that couldn't happen, I decided to go by myself. I felt my dear friend's presence amid the surrounding beauty. I left a card between the doors. I remain broken.

*Gaye Tischler*

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**Gaye Tischler** - June 12, 2017 at 12:55 PM

EO

“ I was saddened to hear of Lenny's death from one of my cousins in the Detroit area. I was married to Lenny for 18 years. I feel grateful that so many of his friends who I remember remained friends and posted such beautiful remarks. My condolences to Kenny, Marlene, and the rest of his family. We said Kaddish and lit a memorial candle for him. Eleanor Brainin O'Marra, Henderson Nv.

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**Eleanor Brainin O'Marra** - June 11, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *Lennie was my beloved neighbor. He loved our garden that we shared and worked in it diligently. He as a nice guy and a terrific neighbor. He will be missed! I am in total shock! I extend my heartfelt condolences to Lennie's family.*

*Daphne Roby*

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**Daphne Shaw- Roby** - June 10, 2017 at 01:31 PM

TS

“ *I just found out about Leonard's sudden and tragic death a few hours ago from a mutual friend. I'm feeling shocked and saddened. Life is short and Leonard seemed like he lived life as fully as he felt he could.*

*I knew Leonard for the last ten years or so. He lived in the same Southfield condo complex as me and we've both served on our condo's Board of Directors the last several years. He was going to take over for me as president in August as I am stepping down after three 2-year terms. Leonard cared a lot about his community, especially its finances and its appearance. He frequently walked around our complex and out on the main public road picking up trash. Leonard tended to be serious but had a dry sense of humor and when he started laughing about something, it was as if he couldn't stop!*

*Good-bye dear friend and neighbor. You will be missed.*

*Terry Shulman*

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**Terrence Daryl Shulman** - June 09, 2017 at 09:48 PM

KP

“ I was a co-worker with Leonard when he joined City of Southfield Cable 15 and he and I hit it off very well. We were kindred spirits and found a lot in common. From Art to plants to Upper Michigan where Len freely helped design and construct a huge beautiful natural garden area on a friends northern Lake Huron lake-shore a stones throw from the Mackinaw Bridge.

*Len gave me much too much credit for things I helped him with as we went along.*

*I'll miss Len for he was a gentle soul with a quick wit and humor.*

*My condolences to all the family and friends of Len.*

*Kitt Proimos*

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**kitt proimos** - June 09, 2017 at 02:13 PM

MT

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**Mike Talley** - June 09, 2017 at 10:36 AM

MT

“ I met Len when I started working for the City of Southfield Cable 15 in 1999.

*We were the producers of 15News for many years and covered stories all across the Metro Detroit area. We shared many discussions about politics, books and movies.*

*He was a unique person and I am sad to hear that he is gone.*

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**Mike Talley** - June 09, 2017 at 10:34 AM

TR

“ Len and I have been friends since freshman Journalism class at Wayne State University. We remained best friends through marriages, divorces and many other many life changes. Len has been a best friend with whom we could share politics, gardening and latest read books, films, anxieties and intoxicants. He always had interesting and kind perspectives on life's issues. We saw each other and spoke on a regular basis -- often at the Plaza Deli. Recently he told me he was asked to represent his condo complex as president of the condo board, He was very proud of his gardening expertise and was very helpful to friends and neighbors. He is a best friend who is going to be sorely missed.

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**Tom and Dinah Ross** - June 08, 2017 at 05:45 PM

SM

“ Lenny was my husband's dear childhood friend and my friend for the past 15 years. He spent many days working in our yard, relaxing on our boat or just hanging out at our house. Such a tragedy. I'm so sorry for this loss. My sincerest condolences.

*Sharon Million*

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**Sharon Million** - June 08, 2017 at 03:20 PM

GT

“ I've loved Lenny ever since he came to work at Ch. 4 in 1980. We've been close friends for almost 40 years. He finally seemed content with his life and I was so happy for him. We met at Sweet Lorraine's not too long ago for a wonderful dinner. He'd lost weight and looked amazing. Lenny was a gifted gardener, artist, writer, voracious reader, and one of the funniest men I knew! I'm so sad and stunned for you, Ken, and Marlene. Lenny talked about his interesting family a lot. Please know that my heart and thoughts are with you all.

Fondly,  
Gaye Tischler

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**Gaye Tischler** - June 08, 2017 at 02:37 PM